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REMARKS

The Examiner's stated reasons for allowance put forward an alternative definition for the claimed phrase "inversely proportional" as two variables whose product is a constant. The Examiner indicates that this definition is equivalent to the Applicant's usage.

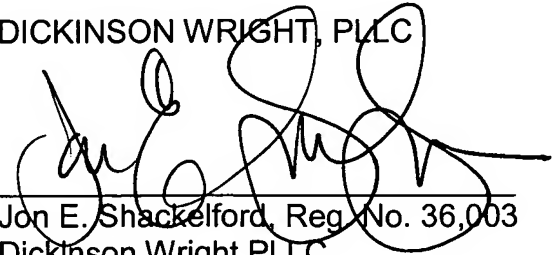
While the Examiner's strict definition of the term "inversely proportional" is technically precise, the Applicant used the phrase in its more generally understood sense of two variables related to one another in that as the value of one variable goes up, the value of the other variable goes down in a predictable manner.

According to the Applicant's use of the phrase "inversely proportional", it is not absolutely necessary that the product of the kurtosis value variable and the surface roughness variable remain constant.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art, separately or together, teaches this limitation for a wrist pin, having the other limitations of the claims as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

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